



MEMORANDUM

TO: Alcohol Beverage Control

DATE: Friday, June 11, 2021

FROM: James Hoelscher, Enforcement Supervisor

RE: Enforcement Report, Alcohol

AMCO Enforcement's Investigator Chiesa will laterally transfer to the Mat-Su Valley and became our new MATSU Valley Investigator. AMCO will recruit and hire a new Investigator for Fairbanks. We have planned this transfer as to have a minimal impact on Fairbanks licensees and it is our goal to have the new Fairbanks Investigator hired and trained prior to Chiesa's transfer date. We are pleased to know the Mat-Su valley will have a dedicated Investigator, especially one of Chiesa's caliber, working full-time in the Mat-Su borough.

During a week in May, AMCO Enforcement held our bi-annual training and meeting after having to postpone time since our last training in December of 2019. We reviewed policies, conducted firearms, taser and first aid trainings and attended an online training symposium held by the NLLEA.

AMCO Investigator Chiesa traveled to Bethel the first part of June to instruct Officers attending the Rural Law Enforcement training. Over two days, Chiesa instructed the topics of Taser Certification and Alcohol & Marijuana Regulatory Enforcement. I spoke with the Academy Director, Michael Dekreon, he relayed to me that he was appreciative of AMCO being available to instruct and was impressed with the professionalism of our office and Investigator Chiesa. He also informed me that he would like to continue to have AMCO teach at their basic and advanced academies.

We have been conducting numerous inspections, ranging from new licenses to follow-up inspections of licenses that were inspected virtually in the past year and half.

AMCO Enforcement has continued to work on the principles set by both boards and have continued to partner with other agencies to achieve mutual goals of compliance and enforcement. For example, AMCO Enforcement, with Investigator Hamilton as case investigator and the Anchorage Police Department worked collaboratively in a successful, safe investigation that has led to the indictment of Jeffery Toole (age 31 of Chugiak), the owner of an unlicensed online marijuana delivery service, akropdrop (A Krop Drop), by an Anchorage Grand Jury.

AMCO Enforcement has also successfully worked with the Soldotna Police Department with an investigation of a non-licensee that was reported to allow patrons to bring alcoholic beverages onto the premises for the purposes of illegal consumption. "Mixers" were knowingly being provided by the establishment as drink additive and/or enhancements to the illegal alcohol, all of which is a violation of State of Alaska Title 4 liquor statutes.